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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 22193-00011-US1 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/521326 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2003/002162 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 10 July 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED |
| TITLE OF INVENTION CLAMPING COLLAR | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Richard Chene et al. | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of published International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002162 as Publication No. WO 2004/008015 A1; Return Receipt Postcard | | |

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| <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; display: inline-block;">10/521326</div> | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.53) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2003/002162 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 22193-00011-US1 | |
| 21. The following fees are submitted: | | | | Applicant Use | Office Use Only |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a) Basic national fee | | \$300.00 | \$ | 300.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b) Examination fee | | \$200.00 | \$ | 200.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | c) Search fee | | \$500.00 | \$ | 500.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | \$1000.00 | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE | | |
| 12 - 100 = | /50 = | | x \$250.00 | | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). | | | | \$ | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total claims | 21 - 20 = | 1 | x 50.00 | \$ | 50.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 - 3 = | | x | \$ | 0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable) | | | + | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ | 1,050.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ | 1,050.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ | 1,050.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | \$ | 0 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ | 1,050.00 |
| Amount to be refunded: | | | | \$ | |
| Amount to be charged: | | | | \$ | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. | | | | | |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>22-0185</u> in the amount of \$ <u>1,050.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>22-0185</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | | | | | |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. | | | | | |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: | | | | | |
| CUSTOMER NUMBER: 42441 | | | SIGNATURE: <u>Larry J. Hume 1/14/05</u> Larry J. Hume NAME <u>44,163</u> REGISTRATION NUMBER | | |